



Virgin Islands Hurricane Tracking Map

VITEMA: VIRGIN ISLANDS TERRITORIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
St. Croix 340-773-2244 St. John 340-776-2244 St. Thomas 340-774-2244



Remember:
Preparedness is



STORM CLASSIFICATIONS

By international agreement, tropical cyclone is the general term for all cyclone circulations originating over tropical waters. Classified by form and intensity as follows:

Tropical Disturbance: A moving area of thunderstorms in the Tropics that maintains its identity for 24-hours or more. A common phenomenon in the Tropics.

Tropical Depression: Rotary circulation at surface, highest constant wind speed 38 miles per hour (33 knots).

Tropical Storm: Distinct rotary circulation, constant wind speed of 39-73 miles per hour or more.

Hurricane: Pronounced rotary circulation, constant wind speed of 74 miles per hour (64 knots) or more.

Small Craft Cautionary Statements: When a tropical cyclone threatens a coastal area, small craft operators are advised to remain in port or not venture into the open sea.

TRACKING TERMINOLOGY

Gale Warnings may be issued when winds of 39-54 miles per hour (34-47 knots) are expected.

Storm Warnings may be issued when winds of 55-73 miles per hour (48-63 knots) are expected. If a hurricane is expected to strike a coastal area, gale of storm warnings will not usually precede hurricane warnings.

A **Hurricane Warning** is issued when hurricane conditions are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less. Hurricane conditions include winds of 74 miles per hour (64 knots) and/or dangerously high tides and waves. Actions for protection of life and property should begin immediately when the warning is issued.

Flash Flood Watch means a flash flood is possible in the area; stay alert.

Flash Flood Warning means a flash flood is eminent, take immediate action.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

USVI Police/Fire/Ambulance	911	WAPA	St. Croix (340) 773-2250
Red Cross	St. Croix (340) 778-5104	WAPA	St. John (340) 776-6446
Red Cross	St. Thomas (340) 774-0375	WAPA	St. Thomas (340) 774-3552
BVI Police/Fire/Ambulance	999	BVI Weather	(284) 469-9000
BVI	(284) 494-3497		

2020 HURRICANE NAMES

Arthur	Hanna	Omar
Bertha	Isaias	Paulette
Cristobal	Josephine	Rene
Dolly	Kyle	Sally
Edouard	Laura	Teddy
Fay	Marco	Vicky
Gonzalo	Nana	Wilfred

2021 HURRICANE NAMES

Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Julian	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Elsa	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda